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Body parts sent to B.C. schools

Vancouver. Staff at two elementary schools open packages containing a human hand and foot

MATT KIELTYKA
Metro in Vancouver

Vancouver police are working with Montreal investigators after human body parts were sent to two schools on Tuesday.

Vancouver Police Department deputy chief Warren Lemcke confirmed the gruesome find, but warned it is too early to speculate on whether the incident is related to the dismemberment case involving suspect Luka Rocco Magnotta.

Police also did not say whether they thought it might be a copycat crime.

"Vancouver police are investigating two disturbing cases in which human remains were discovered in two separate packages mailed to local area schools," Lemcke said.

The first package contained a human hand and was opened by staff at False Creek Elementary School at about 1 p.m. local time.

A foot was discovered in a package about one hour later at St. George's private school, also in Vancouver.

"The remains will be examined by the coroner and there is no indication about the identity at this stage of the investigation," Lemcke said.

At St. George's, staff patrolled the property on Tuesday afternoon to ensure reporters did not enter, and directed questions to the police. But the school did issue a brief news release.

"There is no danger to anyone at the school and our students are in no way affected by this matter," said the release, which was posted to the school's website.

It added: "We are not aware of any connection of the package to the school, and at this point, the (Vancouver police) are suggesting that the targeting of the school is random."

Investigators' first course of action is to identify the victim or victims and find out where the packages were mailed from.

Magnotta was the subject of an international manhunt this week after a man in Montreal was murdered and his hand and foot were mailed to political offices in Ottawa.

He was arrested in Berlin on Monday.

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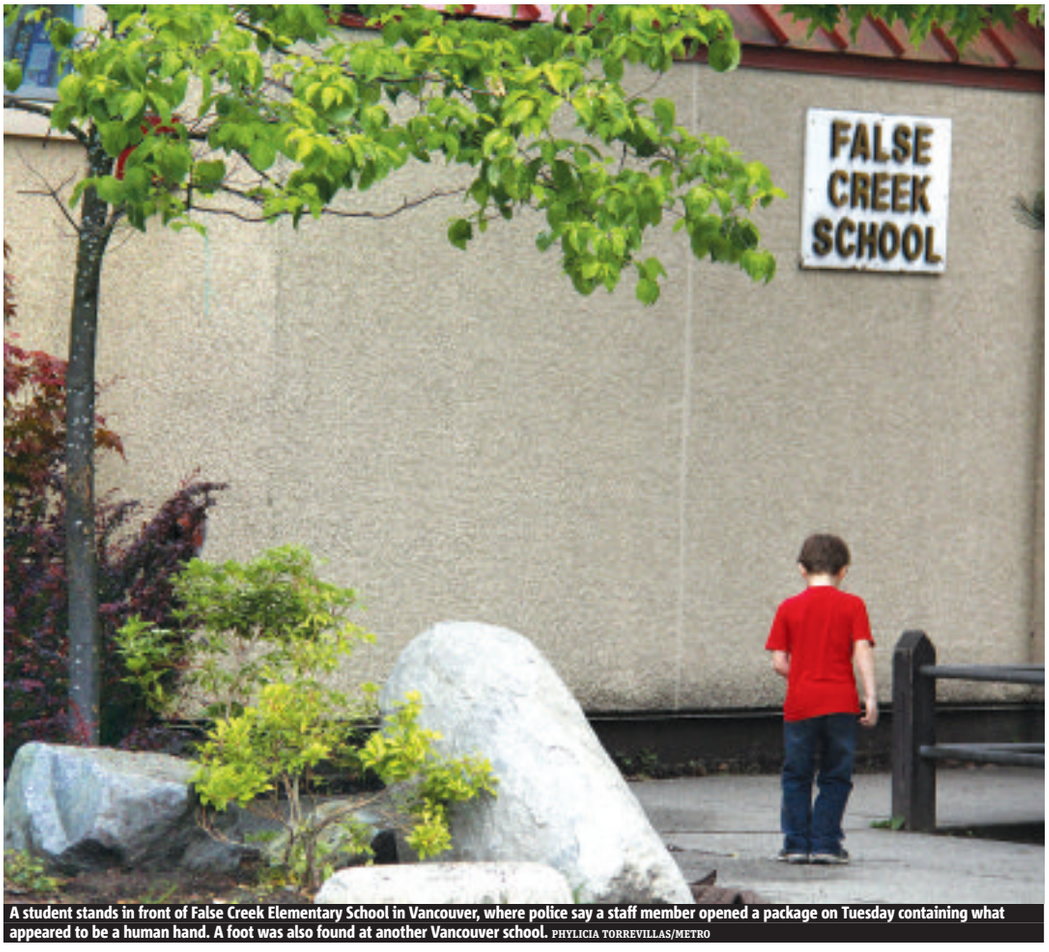
Horrifying discovery

"This must have been a very, very traumatic incident for all ... at the schools who were involved in opening these packages."

Warren Lemcke, deputy chief, Vancouver Police Department



A student stands in front of False Creek Elementary School in Vancouver, where police say a staff member opened a package on Tuesday containing what appeared to be a human hand. A foot was also found at another Vancouver school. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

New addition to the huddle

The Roughriders show In the Huddle returns for its 19th season with its first woman reporter PAGE 2

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Nothing could be easier than roast chicken sandwiches and guilt-free potato salad. (Think Greek yogurt instead of mayo.)
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Betty White gets waxed

The last remaining Golden Girl, Betty White, is now memorialized in the Madame Tussauds wax museum. Watch the 90-year-old unveil her statue at metronews.ca

Put away those cool shades until 2117

Stargazers were treated to a once-in-a-lifetime show Tuesday evening as Venus crossed in front of the sun. If you missed it, go to the slideshow at metronews.ca (or wait until 2117 to catch the next one).

Mobile news

An Oregon jury has awarded $900,000 to a 49-year-old woman who claimed a 69-year-old Portland man intentionally gave her a sexually transmitted disease after they met on an online dating website. Scan the code to read more.

Agriculture research

$3.4M U of S award to create 10 jobs

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada has awarded the University of Saskatchewan $3.4 million over the next five years for three research projects.

The funded research will help farmers reduce greenhouse gas emissions through enhanced use of shelterbelts, irrigation and forage production.

These research projects will create roughly 10 jobs for U of S graduate students, as well as a dozen summer student positions. METRO

Semi-tractor trailers

Head-on collision near Wynyard

At approximately 5:30 a.m. on Tuesday, the Wynyard Fire Department and the Wynyard RCMP responded to a head-on collision between two semi-tractor trailer units on Highway 16, two miles east of Elfros.

Two drivers and a passenger were taken to hospital to be treated for serious injuries.

Traffic was halted for several hours as authorities investigated and cleaned up the area. METRO

Making a difference

Students help start provincewide Walk and Roll day

Inspired by Yorkton Regional High School staff and students, the province has proclaimed the first Wednesday in June Walk and Roll day in Saskatchewan.

Yorkton staff and students are excited that the day they developed six years ago to promote physical activity in their school and community is spreading across the province. Students passionate about Walk and Roll day worked hard to raise awareness for the event and sought out the provincial proclamation.

For six years, on the first Wednesday of June, Yorkton staff and students have been walking, riding their bikes or rollerblading to school.

And they are dedicated. One Yorkton high school teacher leaves his Melville home at 6 a.m. and bikes more than 50 kilometres to arrive at school by the first bell. The school's goal is to have its parking lot, capable of holding hundreds of vehicles, completely empty. METRO

Chad Jones, seen with a recent app designed for a local company, led a team of programmers who built the first smartphone application specifically for universities. Students can check their grades and see individual class schedules, among other features, on the iPhone app called iUsask. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Local tech boom? Yes, it's app-ening

U of S. A lot of talent is coming out of computer sciences program, instructor says

That's the spirit

"There's this whole entrepreneurial spirit here now. That's something that was rare in the tech sector 10 years ago."

Chad Jones, smartphone programming instructor at the U of S

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Over the past few months researchers and IT developers at the University of Saskatchewan have received a number of awards and a lot of attention for their innovative products, ideas and ground-breaking discoveries.

From biomedical software to iPhone apps, the U of S is helping to put Saskatoon on the map as a technology leader.

"The U of S has such a strong computer sciences department. There's a ton of talent that's coming out of the U of S and people are staying here and getting jobs here," said Chad Jones, smartphone programming instructor at the U of S and founder of College-Mobile.com.

Jones, who is a U of S grad and former Apple Engineer at Apple's headquarters in Silicon Valley, said that the computer sciences program at the U of S is world-renowned.

"But people weren't staying here. They would go to school, get their degree, and move to Alberta or to Silicon Valley. Now they are staying," he said.

When coupled with the economic boom in Saskatoon, more people are choosing to stay and start their own businesses.

However, Jones said that while the tech sector is growing rapidly in Saskatoon, people aren't entirely aware of it yet.

"I have people from all the big cities in Canada — cities like Toronto and Vancouver — coming to (my business), asking me to design something for them. But the larger companies here, the ones that are right next door, are going to other companies in Toronto and Vancouver," said Jones.

Follow Jane Caulfield on Twitter @janecaulfield

Roughriders TV. Woman to join In the Huddle team

Host Rod Pedersen, along with guests Carm Carteri and Ken Picot, premiered the show's new set for this season Tuesday night. COURTESY ACCESS7 COMMUNICATIONS

In the Huddle, the hour-long Access7 Roughriders show, returned Tuesday night for the premiere of its 19th season. Hosts Rod Pedersen and John Lynch are back with a brand new set.

"The whole province lives and dies with the team on a daily basis," said Pedersen. "The other CFL teams don't have that passion.... There is no hour-long magazine show for any other CFL team," he added. "The show is kind of the envy of the league that way."

Along with the redesigned set, this year In the Huddle will feature their first-ever female reporter, Arielle Wood.

"People have been clambering for years to get a woman on the show and now we do, I am proud of that."

In the Huddle has attracted some high-profile guests to the show in the past, including Premiere Brad Wall, Mayor Pat Fiacco, CFL Commissioner Mark Cohon and Minister Ken Cheveldayoff.

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Transit of Venus could answer more questions about the universe

Rare event. U of S astronomer says transit could help further our understanding of faraway planets, as well as Venus's atmosphere

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The transit of Venus is an event that happens just twice in one century.

During the transit of Venus, the planet passes between the sun and the Earth, resulting in a small dot on the star about the size of a pencil lead.

Stan Shadick, an astronomer at the University of Saskatchewan, said the event, which happened Tuesday evening, is impressive to watch, but is also important in terms of learning more about the universe.

"One of the current areas of research in astronomy is to look for and study planets that are orbiting stars way out beyond our solar system," said Shadick. "One method for observing and studying these events is to observe the same type of thing happening for these other planets."

Alongside studying planets passing between the Earth and distant stars, Shadick said the transit is also important in trying to understand the chemical makeup of Venus' atmosphere and the atmosphere of other planets.

"Using spectroscopy we can also measure the chemical makeup of (the) atmosphere of stars or planets, so if a planet passes directly in front of its star, then we can observe spectral lines that change, and that maybe (is) an indication of the atmospheric chemistry of the planet itself."

Shadick explained that while hundreds of telescopes will be aimed at the sun, some of the Earth's largest telescopes will be pointed in the exact opposite direction as they'll be trying to take measurements of the amount of light reflected onto the full moon.

"By looking at the full moon ... they're going to take a spectrum of reflected sunlight and they'll compare that spectrum they observe during the transit of Venus with the normal spectrum," said Shadick. "Any changes in the spectrum would be caused by the atmosphere of Venus, so it's a sort of indirect way of measuring the chemical composition."

The next time the transit of Venus will be seen is the year 2117.

Online

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Julian deCiutiis looks at Venus passing by the sun through the telescope at the University of Saskatchewan's observatory. DeCiutiis was one of dozens who lined up around the observatory to get a look at this once in-a-lifetime event. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Local entrepreneur a finalist for $100K national award

Two Twenty founder Curtis Olson stands inside the empty space that the drop-in office will eventually expand into. If he wins the BDC Young Entrepreneur Award, the prize money would fund the expansion and allow the Two Twenty community to grow. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

For Curtis Olson, founder of the Two Twenty community office space, winning the $100,000 prize in the Business Development Bank of Canada's Young Entrepreneur Award would be a win for the entire community of Saskatoon.

"This would let us increase the number of markets and people we can reach across the city. We can reach a larger chunk of the population," said Olson, who is also the man behind Shift Development.

Olson is one of eight finalists for the national award, which is won through an online voting system, and the only one from Saskatchewan.

When you speak with Olson, it becomes clear that the achievement is not just his — it is felt throughout the entire community of Two Twenty users. He refers to "us" and "we" instead of "I."

"It's really exciting. It's an honour for us," said Olson.

The Two Twenty is a drop-in office space that fosters collaboration and a sense of community between social entrepreneurs, innovators, artists and creative industries.

The Two Twenty has already purchased a neighbouring building and has plans to expand its services, allowing more creative partnership, networking and community building for more people.

The first floor will be home to restaurant and retail space, but the second floor is destined for an expansion of the Two Twenty's collaborative workspace.

"We will design a space for technology startups," said Olson. "One of our plans is to have a shared technology studio."

But to win, Olson will need as many votes as he can get. So he and a strong network of creative and innovative supporters have launched a campaign aimed at inspiring people to vote daily.

"We've found that people are very supportive — we have a strong working relationship with people in the city and in the province," Olson said. "But the real challenge is in finding ways to remind people that they can vote every day."

Olson said they are going to use social media to ask people to add an alert in their calendars for 2:20 p.m., reminding them to vote.

You can vote online at bdcyoungentrepreneuraward.ca. Voting closes June 19, and a winner will be announced shortly thereafter.

JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

Egypt

Mubarak's health in sharp decline

The health of ousted Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak deteriorated sharply on Tuesday, three days after he was sentenced to life imprisonment for the killing of protesters, a security official said. A prison official said Mubarak collapsed several times and he was placed on ventilator.

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Quebec tragedy

Child stabber gets limited freedom

A former Quebec doctor who stabbed his two children 46 times but was found not criminally responsible in the deaths will remain in a psychiatric hospital while gradually being allowed more freedom.

Five experts ruled Tuesday that Guy Turcotte must stay detained for at least six more months, but will be allowed some escorted outings. The trips can be suspended if Turcotte's mental state deteriorates.

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Guy Turcotte and his daughter Anne-Sophie THE CANADIAN PRESS

Syria conflict

Aid, supplies finally allowed in

Syria agreed to allow aid workers and supply convoys into four of its hardest-hit provinces, where at least 1 million people are in urgent need of aid because of injuries from the bloody civil conflict or the loss of homes and jobs, officials said Tuesday.

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Norway massacre

Right-wingers testify for Breivik

A handful of Norwegian right-wing extremists testified Tuesday in self-confessed killer Anders Behring Breivik's defence, backing his ideological claims that Norway is "at war" with Islam.

The 33-year-old self-styled anti-Muslim crusader has placed importance on this line of argument, fearing that his ideology could be undermined if he is declared insane.

Breivik, who is on trial for killing 77 people in a rampage in Oslo last July, has confessed to the attacks but denies criminal guilt. He claims he acted in self-defence because his victims had betrayed their country by embracing immigration.

Defence lawyers attempted to show others who share Breivik's world view are not declared mentally ill for doing so.

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Denis Mainville of the Montreal police speaks to reporters Tuesday about the arrest of alleged murderer Luka Rocco Magnotta. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Magnotta investigation widens

Montreal police are scouring archives and talking to law-enforcement colleagues elsewhere to determine whether murder suspect Luka Rocco Magnotta is tied to any other unsolved cases.

The nature of Magnotta's alleged crime — the victim's corpse was dismembered and then defiled — has given investigators a unique profile to match with other murders.

Already, police officials in the Quebec town of Gatineau have said they will contact their Montreal counterparts to look for possible connections with the 2011 slaying of Valerie Leblanc, an 18-year-old college student.

Leblanc's body was found in a forest behind the college she attended. Her body was mutilated, burned and there were signs of severe head trauma.

"We had a distinct murder here — the murder of Valerie Leblanc — last August," Gatineau police Sgt. Jean-Paul Lemay said in an interview.

"It's part of the plan to see if there are links to be made. But it's the kind of action that is routine in this kind of murder case."

Lemay added no evidence on hand at the moment suggests Magnotta was behind the Leblanc murder.

He said Gatineau police nevertheless have a "moral obligation" to verify the possibility there may be a link.

Gatineau police released a description of a suspect last year that bears little resemblance to Magnotta. The man being sought was described as French-speaking, weighing 200 pounds and walked with a limp.

Magnotta is said to speak little French, weighs around 130 pounds and is able-bodied.

He was arrested this week in Berlin for the murder of Jun Lin, a Chinese national studying in Montreal.

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Biting spiders cause panic in rural India

Cure worse than the bite? Two dead after traditional methods used to drain wounds

Large biting spiders have sparked panic in remote northeast India, but health authorities fear primitive treatment of the bites' painful swelling may be more dangerous than the spiders themselves.

Two people died in Tinsukia district after witch doctors used razor blades to drain the wounds. It's not known if the victims died from spider poison or from the attempted treatment. The victims were cremated before autopsies could be done.

Another seven bite victims have been treated with antibiotics against infection after they also tried themselves to drain their wounds, said Dr. Anil Phapowali at the local Sadiya town hospital.

The spiders were noticed about a month ago across Tinsukia district's grassy plains and dense jungle forests north of the Brahmaputra River.

"It looks like a new species. We haven't been able to identify it," he said Tuesday. Officials cannot use anti-venom in treating bite victims until the species is identified.

Villagers are keeping lamps on at night and standing guard against spiders entering their homes. There are about 100,000 villagers, mostly poor rice farmers, living in the area cut off from roads by the river.

Officials say the spiders are now also showing up south of the Brahmaputra.

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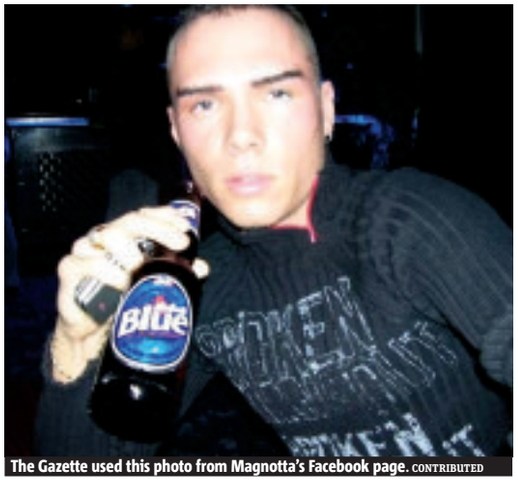
The spiders may be a newly discovered type of tarantula. WASBIR HUSSEIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The Gazette used this photo from Magnotta's Facebook page. CONTRIBUTED

Labatt won't sue paper after all

In less than 24 hours, Labatt Brewing Company threatened to sue one of the country's largest-circulation newspapers, was the subject of mockery in the online community, then opted to drop the legal action.

A photo of suspected murderer Luka Rocco Magnotta holding a Labatt Blue bottle was posted on the Montreal Gazette's website Sunday.

Officials at Labatt — which was founded in London, Ont., in 1847 — believed the paper's choice of imagery was in such bad taste that they pressured to sue.

But by early Tuesday afternoon, the brewing giant's executives had changed their minds.

"Once the Gazette explained their position, we promptly thanked them for their response, dropped the matter and we will not be following up further," Labatt VP of corporate affairs Charlie Angelakos said in a statement.

Gazette's lawyer Mark Bantey, said the daily had no intention of replacing or removing the Magnotta photo. It was retrieved from Facebook and is "newsworthy," he said.

When word spread on the Internet about Labatt's original intention of taking legal action, the meme "#newlabattcampaign" took on a life of its own on Twitter.

Hundreds of posts appeared alongside the hashtag. Most mocked Labatt's position by creating morbid corporate slogan suggestions.

For hours, the meme was trending across Canada. Virtually every major news outlet in the country picked up the story, too.

Wendy Smith, president of Red Rhino marketing firm in London, said she believes the situation in fact works in Labatt's favour.

"Honestly, they're probably loving it," Smith said before Labatt's statement retracting its intention to sue. "It's not something they (posted themselves) … so it's great for the Blue brand."

The controversy occurred the same day Labatt's London location hosted an event to celebrate its excellence in waste reduction. Currently, the London plant recycles 98 per cent of materials used in the production of their beer.

General manager Jake Fenn and other employees at the London plant declined to comment on the Magnotta situation.

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Canada's richest aren't all bankers and brokers: Study

Top one per cent.
Only a small portion of the country's highest salary earners work in finance, despite being the target of Occupy protesters

To be considered in Canada's richest one per cent, you need to make at least $230,000 a year. You're most likely male, have a university degree and work longer-than-average hours.

But you're not necessarily a banker or Bay Street investment broker — the primary targets of the Occupy protest movement — a new study by a group of economists at the University of British Columbia found.

Only 10 per cent of Canada's richest work in the financial industry, the study found. The rest are doctors, dentists, vets and corporate managers.

"In the eyes of many, the culprits are to be found at the very place where the Occupy movement started: on Wall Street, or our own Bay Street," the study said. "But there are just not enough investment bankers and high-flying stock brokers to fill the ranks of the 275,000 individuals in the top one per cent."

The top one per cent of Canadians now controls 14 per cent of total income, the paper found, noting that they enjoyed just eight per cent in the 1970s.

"Such an uneven distribution of income has not been seen since the dark days of the Great Depression when it reached an all-time high of 18 per cent," the paper notes.

It found that despite impressive wage gains made by women over the past few decades, the top one per cent of income earners is overwhelmingly (82.5 per cent) male. On average, they earn $450,000 a year versus $36,000 for the other 99 per cent.

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The richest one per cent

Occupy Bay Street protest in Toronto last October.
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- **Earnings:** $452,887/year
- **Gender:** 82.7 per cent male
- **Work:** 50+ hours/week
- **Age:** 35 to 64 years
- **Occupation:** Senior management, doctors, dentists, vets, finance professionals

Ultrabook takes on iPad

Taiwan's struggling computer makers are promoting a new generation of ultra-thin laptops that might be their last hope of turning back the seemingly unstoppable momentum of Apple's iPad and other hot-selling tablets. The brainchild of Intel Corp., the laptop-tablet hybrid known as Ultrabook is only 20 millimetres thick. Taipei's Computex, the world's second-largest computer show, displayed more than a dozen 12- to 17-inch Ultrabook models powered by Intel's new generation of "Ivy Bridge" processors, which were unveiled in April.
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Economy

Global conditions have weakened: Bank of Canada

The Bank of Canada is holding off on raising interest rates for a while longer — perhaps a lot longer — citing worsening global conditions and an uneven Canadian recovery that is not quite as strong as advertised.

The decision to keep the bank's trendsetting overnight rate at one per cent for the 14th consecutive policy announcement was widely expected.

The Bank of Canada has acknowledged that the hopeful monetary policy review delivered by Gov. Mark Carney in April may have been premature. Carney conceded Tuesday.

Carney and his policy setting council conceded that the outlook for global growth has weakened in the past few weeks, and that Europe has gone from a risky environment to one in which the risks are now reality.

As if on cue, Spain sent out a distress signal prior to Tuesday's emergency G7 finance ministers' conference call, which included Canada's Jim Flaherty, saying it was having difficulty accessing credit at affordable rates.

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THE FETCHING WAYS OF CLEO THE RETRIEVER

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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Now and then, someone comes into your life and then is gone again.

But not before she leaves muddy footprints all over your heart…

It has been five years almost to the day that we had to put down our golden retriever, Cleo. She had cancer.

The night before she died, we decided to have a Cleofest.

We did all her favourite things. We went down to the creek at the end of the street. When we were both younger dogs, we would run the trails along the creek, stopping on the way to play the Stupid Rock Game.

Cleo was a retriever, but as time went on she increasingly relied on symbolic fetching. In The Stupid Rock Game: I threw a stone in the water; Cleo nodded half-heartedly in the direction of the stone; repeat ad nauseam. She could play the game all day, as I had to do all the throwing. After a while I'd get tired of the Stupid Rock Game, and start to walk away. That would be her cue to plunge her head into the water, stay under for an alarming period of time, and then emerge, triumphant, with a giant rock in her jaws, which she would dump at my feet, a symbol for all the little rocks she refused to retrieve.

The Stupid Rock Game

"I threw a stone in the water; Cleo nodded half-heartedly in the direction of the stone; repeat ad nauseam. She could play the game all day, as I had to do all the throwing."

On her last night, she came up with one mighty fine rock.

On the way back home, she managed to find something smelly to roll in — bonus — and when we got home, my daughter got out the whipped cream in a spray can and gave her a mighty dose. If all dogs go to heaven, she was there a night early.

I don't know about your dog, but Cleo was The Best Dog Ever. She had the knack of making everyone around her feel as if you were the one she loved best. Some dogs are one-person dogs; others are members of a family pack; Cleo was a world dog, the Chevy Cruze of dogs. She even loved postal delivery people.

She wasn't fussy; she even liked me. I'd be trying to read, ignoring the dog, even as she went through her entire repertoire of attractive dog tricks: Baleful-puppy-stare-great-thumping-tail-roll-over-shake-a-paw-woof-impatiently. And when none of that worked, she stuck her nose under my free hand and petted herself. Resourceful dog.

She even liked going to the vet. And this last time, she must have thought: This is great. The guy gets to pat my head while they give me this needle.

Or maybe she knew. She knew everything else worth knowing.

She died with her head in my hands.

Weird news

Turkey break-in ruffles feathers

A LaSalle, Ont., resident arrived home Saturday evening to a smashed window, a mess in his living room and an unexpected feathery intruder waiting on his couch.

The break-and-enter was the doing of a giant turkey, which also left "poop" and "a blood spot the size of a 50-cent piece" in their living room.

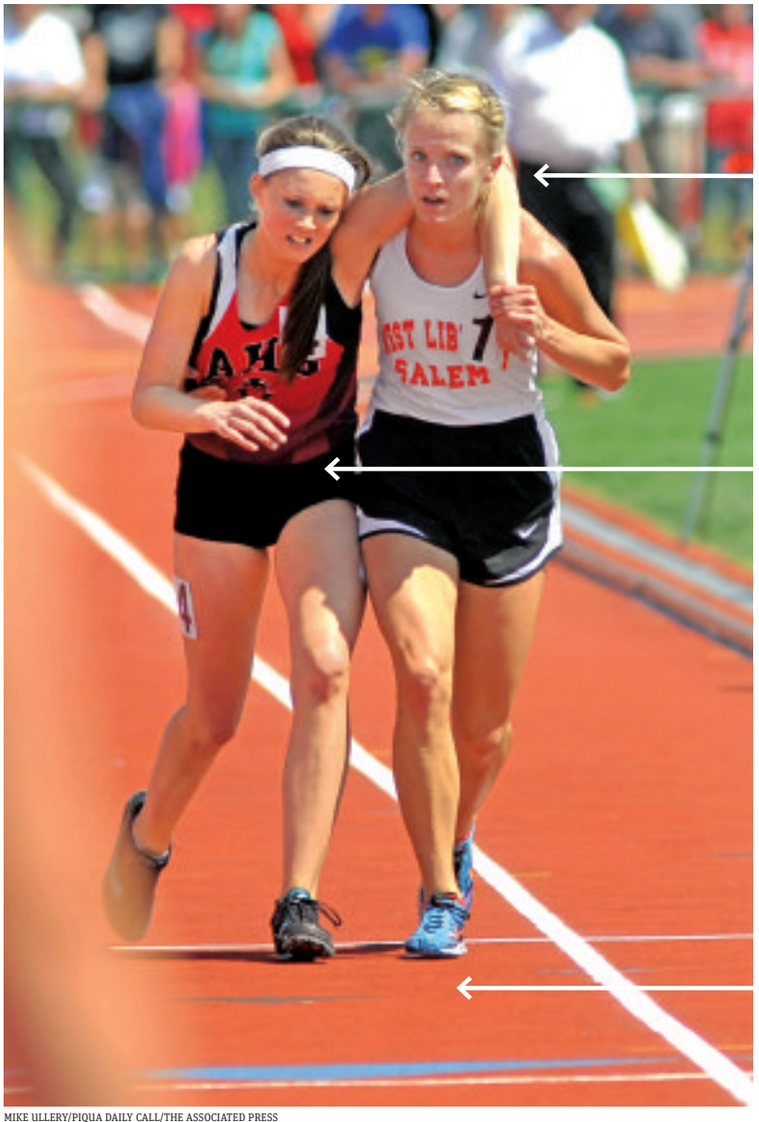
Ken Stroud, 70, who had been out with his wife that day, was the first to spot the 18-inch hole in their window. He initially thought someone had thrown a rock into their house, and walked unsuspectingly into his dark living room — until he saw something move.

"It's a wild turkey and it's sitting on the arm of my chesterfield," said Stroud about his calm 25-pound intruder. "He was sitting there as if he lived there.

"The wife was hysterical," said Stroud who guarded his wife Mary while she made her way into one of the rooms.

Stroud says the humane society captured the bird quickly, with just a net and blanket. They've been told the bird is doing well and will be released back into the wild. **PHOEBE HO/METRO**

Last-place finish, first-class sportsmanship



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Running the good race

Athlete pushes flagging rival over finish line

Meghan Vogel of West Liberty-Salem, right, helps Arden McMath of Arlington to the finish line after McMath collapsed yards short in the DIII 3,200-metre finals of the Ohio High School Athletic Association state track meet at Jesse Owens Stadium in Columbus, Ohio, last Saturday.
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She ain't heavy

- **Vogel had won an earlier race, but was in last place in the 3,200-metre run as she caught up to McMath, whose body was giving out.**
- **Instead of zipping past McMath to avoid the last-place finish, Vogel put McMath's arm around her shoulders, dragged her the final few metres and pushed her competitor over the finish line before crossing it herself.**

On the right track

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Number of metres Vogel hauled McMath before sending her opponent over the finish line first.

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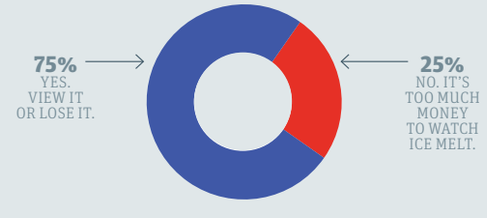

Twitter

@dani_vh
Soooo excited for the weekend . Sask bound =)

@shane_breaker
On road from #yeg to #yxe . Should be a nice drive

@BohdanOnushko
Since when does #yxe have crazy morning traffic? Why does every road/exit get shut down at the same time?

@paigeenoble
Vancouver: your weather better smarten the eff up before monday or I'm gonna stay in sask where it's toasty warm!! #stupidvanweather

@AndrewRathwell
Drive down Elphinstone between 13th and Sask Drive. The trees create a beautiful arch like the vaulted ceiling of a cathedral. #WHYQR

@MeaganDriedger
@lucasmannes1 Good to see that you're a country fan. They'll love you in sask!

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Scene in brief

Whitney Houston's mother to pen memoir

Whitney Houston's triumphant, heartbreaking life is being remembered in a book by her mother, singer Cissy Houston. Houston has a deal with HarperCollins for a memoir it says will reveal the story of her Grammy Award-winning daughter, who died in a Beverly Hills, Calif., hotel bathtub in February at age 48. HarperCollins announced Monday that the book is scheduled to come out next February. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, N.J., where Whitney Houston sang as a child and where her funeral was held.

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On the web

U.S. terminates funding for Pakistani 'Sesame Street' amid reports of corruption

Michael Fassbender plays David 8, a synthetic human automaton ancestor of Alien's Ash, in the upcoming film Prometheus. HANDOUT

Prometheus, a prequel or not a prequel to Alien?

Space opera. Screenwriters call Ridley Scott's newest film 'an Alien/Blade Runner mash-up'

IN FOCUS
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Prometheus, a prequel, or not a prequel? That is the question.

It's a query many have made about the new Ridley Scott space opera. The trailer looks and feels like a chronological cousin to his 1979 classic sci-fi horror epic Alien but the director denies it is a prequel.

Here's what we know. When Scott sat down to write Prometheus (with screenwriters Jon Spaihts and Damon Lindelof, who calls it "an Alien/Blade Runner mash-up") he had a prequel in mind featuring Xenomorphs, the acid-tongued space baddies who gave the first movie its name, and the giant dead alien nicknamed Space Jockey. But then he veered off into something larger; mankind's origin story.

"Out of the creative process emerged a new, grand mythology," he said. "The keen fan will recognize strands of Alien's DNA ... but the ideas tackled in this film are unique, far-reaching and provocative."

Still, Prometheus, which is set in the same universe as Alien, seems to provide the backstory which points forward to the original film.

Firstly, Prometheus is set in 2085, 37 years before the Weyland-Yutani Corporation (which also appears in Prometheus, simply as The Weyland Corporation) sent the commercial towing spaceship Nostromo on its fateful trip from Thedus to Earth in Alien.

Next, while the Xenomorphs may not appear in the acid-spitting form we're used to — "The sequels squeezed him dry," Scott says, "no way am I going back there" — they aren't completely absent. Artist H.R. Giger, who created the beasts in the first film, was brought back to "reverse-engineer the design of the Aliens in the film" to create a Xenomorph forbearer.

Also, Michael Fassbender plays David 8, a synthetic human automaton ancestor of Alien's Ash.

Further evidence came in a trailer that shows star Noomi Rapace standing in front of two unworn Space Jockey suits, suits which will soon be donned, perhaps, by the hapless space jockey seen in Alien.

Finally Scott promises a scene to equal the horror of Alien's "chest-burster" mind-blower, in which an alien parasite exploded out of John Hurt's torso. It's an iconic moment that no prequel could be without, right?

"There is a scene that could be called the equivalent of that in this film," Scott admits.

Even though the prequel debate rages on, the one thing nobody is questioning is how exciting it is to have Ridley Scott back in the sci-fi genre after a 33-year gap.

Kendra's right where she wants to be

MARY ANN GEORGANTOPOULOS
Metro World News in New York City

Fun-loving Kendra Wilkinson-Baskett, who captured fans' hearts on Girls Next Door and Kendra, is back — sans the drama.

The former Playboy model returns to the small screen with her new reality show, Kendra on Top, which premiered this week on WE tv in the U.S.

"This new season is completely different from my previous shows," says Wilkinson-Baskett. "Kendra on Top feels like a lighter and happier show. We're finally where we want to be."

Wilkinson-Baskett and her family — husband and former NFL athlete Hank Baskett III, plus son Hank IV — faced some struggles during her last reality show on E!

"There was a gray cloud hovering over me," she says of Kendra. But she's found her party-girl groove again now that she and her family have a home.

"We're stable and we're settled with an amazing two-year-old son. We have balance," she says.

Don't worry: Wilkinson-Baskett didn't forget the fact that her fans fell in love with her outrageous personality.

Changing course

"Moving around for my husband's career was hard. I couldn't be happy; I was miserable."
Kendra Wilkinson-Baskett

"I always kept in mind what people think of me," she says. "I'm bubbly and outspoken, and for a while I lost that. I was a victim of my husband's career. I'm back to being myself."

So what got the star out of her darkness? Patience, she says. "You can't give up. You have to know that there's a light at the end of the tunnel. Change is hard, but you have to play the game," she adds.

Expanding the family?

Wilkinson-Baskett says she and her husband have begun discussing having another child. "There are no plans yet, but in a couple of months, why not?" she says. "Hank wants baby No. 2 more than I do."

As for Little Hank?

He's so good with other kids, "it's almost like he's asking for a brother or sister," she says.

Hank Baskett and TV personality Kendra Wilkinson arrive at Spike Guys Choice Awards on June 2 in Culver City, Calif. GETTY IMAGES

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Kristen Stewart dishes on fame

Kristen Stewart has gotten used to life in the spotlight, but she still remembers the day it all started, right around the release of the first Twilight movie. "You can Google my name and one of the first things that comes up is images of me sitting on my front porch smoking a pipe with my ex-boyfriend and my dog. It was taken the day the movie came out. I was no one. I was a kid. I had just turned 18," Stewart tells Vanity Fair. "The next day it was like I was a delinquent slimy idiot, whereas I'm kind of a weirdo, creative Valley Girl who smokes pot. Big deal. But that changed my daily life instantly. I didn't go out in my underwear anymore."

Jason Alexander apologizes for 'gay game' remark

Former Seinfeld star Jason Alexander is offering an apology for his comments about cricket, which he called "a gay game" during an interview with Craig Ferguson. "A few of my Twitter followers made me aware that they were both gay and offended by the joke. And truthfully, I could not understand why," Alexander posted to Twitter. "And the worst part is, I should know better. My daily life is filled with gay men and women, both socially and professionally. I am profoundly aware of the challenges these friends of mine face and I have openly advocated on their behalf. So, I can only apologize and I do."

Quoted

"I should know better. My daily life is filled with gay men and women, both socially and professionally."

Jason Alexander

Will Kopelman and Drew Barrymore

First comes love, then comes marriage. . .

During his wedding to Drew Barrymore, Will Kopelman took a moment to acknowledge that their family is about to expand, according to Us Weekly.

"Everyone knows the baby's coming, so there wasn't much talk about it," a source says of Barrymore's pregnancy.

"Will said something like, 'I'm excited to marry you. I'm excited to meet the newest member of our family.'"

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"Everyone knows the baby is coming, so there wasn't much talk about it." Source

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Travel in brief

App aims to keep travellers healthy

A new app might prove useful to Canadians heading out on a road trip this summer and seeking timely health-related information along the way. The free app for Apple devices offers up-to-date details on public health and environmental advisories across the country, says its developer Health & Safety Watch Inc. "Everything can change very rapidly — for example a destination that had safe drinking water when you left on your road trip may actually be under a boil water advisory by the time you arrive," says Jeff Aramini, company president and a former Health Canada senior public health epidemiologist. The app shows local data based on a user's location. A search function also lets you plug in your itinerary. The information comes from a variety of government agencies and departments. Among the listings are product, food and drug recalls across Canada, as well as public health inspection results for restaurants in Toronto.

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On the web

Gerhard Richter, among world's top-selling artists, opens his biggest exhibit to date in Paris

Whether you're a fan of The Lion King, Pocahontas, everything Disney has ever made or nothing at all, Disneyland has attractions as tailor-made as Cinderella's glass slipper. Between the options at Disneyland and California Adventure, both in Anaheim, Calif., there is enough variety to entertain even the most skeptical of adult visitors.

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5 Disneyland experiences

For the sci-fi fan

Fly through the stars at Space Mountain. For nearly three minutes, the rollercoaster hurtles, corkscrews and twists its way through the indoor track, lit only by the stars as you soar through the darkness of space. Built in 1977, this timeless coaster is a cornerstone of Disneyland's futuristic — and kitschy — Tomorrowland. A stone's throw from Space Mountain is Star Tours: The Adventures Continue, a technological world away from Space Mountain. This 3D ride, guided by C-3PO, allows you to be a space tourist.

For the film enthusiast

Now referred to as a "tribute" to Michael Jackson, Captain EO is still being screened at Disneyland. The 3D film was directed by Francis Ford Coppola and features Jackson using song and dance to transform the evil Supreme Leader into a beautiful woman — played by Angelica Houston.

Located near the entrance of California Adventure, Soarin' Over California takes its audience on a high-flying tour of the state — from the coast to the mountains. A cantilever lifts the seated audience into the air and into a concaved video screen that makes you feel like you are flying high above some of the state's best-known features.

For the happily spooked

It's not very scary, but the Haunted Mansion can still attract a crowd. Sitting in Doom Buggies, you are taken on a tour of the mansion and introduced to some of the scary spectres that call the old plantation house home.

For a modern scare, It's Tough to be a Bug gives you an up-close look at the creepy, crawly characters that live all around us. Not only is the show in 3D thanks to the Bug Eyes provided, but it also features stinky smells, spraying water, and seats wired to give you a creepy-crawling feeling that the bugs are too close for comfort.

For the kid at heart

No trip to Disneyland is complete without a visit to it's a Small World — the much lauded animatronics-filled boat ride through the cultures of the world. Warning: You will have the song stuck on continuing loop for the remainder of your trip.

For a modern small world, visit Toy Story Midway Mania. The 4D ride features spinning vehicles that take you from one screen to another. At each stop you try to hit Toy Story-related targets that pop up on the screens.

For the wannabe sailor

One of the park's oldest attractions, the Jungle Cruise in Adventureland, takes you on a boat tour of a reptile-filled river. The cruise is led by a Disney cast member, who provides commentary as your steamer passes by animatronic elephants, snakes and monkeys. Pirates of the Caribbean, another original attraction, got an update just as the hit films came out. This ride features appearances by Captain Jack Sparrow and other characters you'll recognize from the movie.

Car Land drives in June 15

When it opens on June 15, Car Land will be the newest attraction at Disney's California Adventure. Built around Radiator Springs' main drag, rides include Mater's Junkyard Jamboree, Luigi's Flying Tires and Radiator Springs Racers. Visit disneyland.disney.go.com. PHOTOS: DISNEY

Elite club

Disneyland — behind the scenes

There is only one place in Disneyland where you can drink alcohol, but you need to be a member to get in.

Located at 33 Royal St. in New Orleans Square is Club 33 — a members-only club where VIPs have been dining since the park was opened.

A secret buzzer gets you entry to a small foyer, and once inside you can take an antique glass elevator or stairs to the second floor dining rooms, decorated with objects from several Disney films.

Disney recently announced a number of people on the 800-name, decade-long waiting list would be offered club memberships for $25,000 and annual dues of $10,000.

Located above the fire hall near the park entrance is a private apartment that belonged to Walt Disney.

It was from there that Disney himself oversaw the building of the park, and watched its 1955 dedication.

It's a small apartment, accessible only by going "backstage" (to the off-limits area of the park).

Almost unchanged from the days Disney lived there with his wife, Lillian, the apartment features two sofas that turn into beds, a small kitchenette with a grilled-cheese maker and a under-counter fridge. A light is kept lit in the window that faces Main Street U.S.A. as a tribute to Disney.

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You've broiled it, you've deep fried it, but have you tried roasting it lately?

Ingredients

Of course this recipe also works for a weeknight dinner. The chicken comes out terrifically moist and tender. And because the chicken is flattened before it is cooked, it is finished much faster than traditional roasting methods.

Here's what you'll need:

- 4-pound whole chicken
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1/2 tablespoon dried thyme
- 1/2 tablespoon ground black pepper
- **Prep time from start to finish.** 50 minutes (10 minutes active).
- **Servings.** 8.

My recipe for a romantic picnic? A roasted chicken with sandwich trimmings.

Roll with me on this one. It's easy and totally appropriate.

You start out by following my couldn't-be-easier recipe for cast-iron skillet roasted whole chicken. The gist is that you split the bird at the backbone (technically called spatchcocking, but that just seems inappropriate in this context), sear it breast side down on the stovetop, then flip the bird and finish it in the oven.

When the chicken is cooked, you let it cool, then you cover it and refrigerate it right from the pan. You even can do the roasting the night before.

Instructions:

1. Heat the oven to 425 F.

2. Place the chicken on the cutting board breast side down. Use sturdy kitchen shears to cut down the length of the spine on both sides. Discard the spine. Turn the bird breast side up. Gripping the 2 cut sides where the spine used to be, open up the bird, pressing down firmly at the centre to flatten it.

3. In a small bowl, mix together the salt, garlic powder, thyme and pepper. Rub the mixture evenly over the entire chicken.

4. Set a large cast-iron skillet on a burner over medium-high. When the skillet it hot, add the chicken breast side down. Let the chicken brown for 5 minutes, then use tongs to carefully flip the bird so the breast side is up. Set the skillet in the oven and roast for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the thickest part reaches 165 F.

5. Remove the chicken from the oven. Either serve immediately or let cool and refrigerate for use in a picnic as described above.

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Put this in your picnic basket (sans cast-iron skillet, of course)

A four-pound chicken should provide enough meat for eight sandwiches. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cocktail of the Week

Fresh and fruity almond smoothie

Let this crisp and fruity drink give you a smart morning start, or drink it as an afternoon snack to keep hunger at bay.

Robust Raspberry Almond Smoothie
(Makes 6 servings)

Ingredients:
2 cups almond milk
1, 12-oz package frozen raspberries
2 medium bananas, cut into chunks
2-3 tbsp honey
½ tsp almond extract
3 tbsp almond butter
½ cup vanilla soy ice cream
12 fresh raspberries (optional)

Directions:
Combine all ingredients in a blender; whirl until smooth. Pour into 6 glasses and garnish with fresh raspberries if desired.

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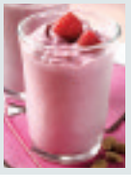

Your creamy potato salad can be a guilt-free barbecue hit

So you're having a barbecue and you want to keep it at least a little healthy.

You've got the lean chicken breasts marinating and ready for the grill. You've got a colorful tossed salad filled with the season's bounty. You've got corn on the cob for grilling and fresh watermelon and strawberries for nibbling. That's a good start.

But you also know that no summer barbecue is complete without a creamy and rich potato salad. Except you also know just how unhealthy a potato salad smothered in mayonnaise can be. The good news is that you can enjoy a great potato salad without sacrificing your commitment to healthy eating.

Here are our tips for making that happen.

First, make sure you leave the skins on the potatoes. Potato skins contain much of the potatoes' fibre, as well heaps of vitamins and minerals, including a crazy amount of potassium (even more than bananas).

Second, replace the commonly added hard-boiled egg. While eggs do add plenty of protein, if you're barbecuing it's unlikely that protein deprivation is your problem. And egg yolks also add plenty of unnecessary fat. So we replaced the egg with chopped canned artichoke hearts, which have a similar texture and a wonderfully subtle flavour that complements the potatoes.

1. Place the potatoes in a large pot, then add enough cool water to cover by 1 inch. Add 1 teaspoon of salt, then bring to a boil and cook for 10 to 15 minutes, or until just tender when pierced with a fork. Drain the potatoes and spread out on a rimmed baking sheet. Sprinkle with the vinegar and set aside to cool.

2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine the yogurt, sour cream, scallions, mustard, dill, thyme and garlic powder. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Stir in the pimentos, artichoke bottoms and celery. Once the potatoes have cooled, gently stir in until thoroughly coated. Chill until ready to serve.

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Ingredients

Here's what you'll need:

- 2 pounds red potatoes, cubed
- Salt
- 1 tablespoon white balsamic vinegar
- 5.3-ounce container fat-free plain Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup low-fat sour cream
- 3 scallions, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh dill
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- Ground black pepper
- 4-ounce jar chopped pimentos
- 14-ounce can artichoke bottoms, drained
- 2 ribs celery, diced

Artichokes work in place of eggs in this healthier potato salad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Perfect picnic pleasure. Bruschetta couscous salad

Finally, bruschetta made portable. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

Start to finish: 30 minutes

- 16 ounces Israeli couscous
- 1/2 small red onion, finely diced
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 3 ribs celery, finely diced
- 20 ounces cocktail tomatoes, quartered
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, torn
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup small fresh mozzarella balls
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- Salt and ground black pepper

1. Cook the couscous according to package directions. Allow to cool. In a large bowl, combine the cooled couscous with the red onion, garlic, celery, tomatoes, basil, Parmesan, mozzarella, olive oil and vinegar. Stir to combine, then season with salt and black pepper.

2. The salad can be served immediately, but the flavours improve if it is allowed to sit for 30 minutes. Serves 10.

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Parents, I'm not getting paid

Labour sans the loonies. It's not exactly what you want for Junior right now, but let's weigh the benefits

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The interview you have with your child about their internship may be just important as the one they'll secure because of the unpaid role. ISTOCK

Your child just found their dream internship and your nightmare of a compensation guarantee: unpaid. But unpaid internships, although daunting at first, can be an extremely beneficial (and integral) step in your child's career path.

Stephanie Reid, an executive assistant at BlueCat Networks and mother of two unpaid interns, once had her own hesitations about the working-for-free lifestyle. However, as her two children gained invaluable work experience and turned their internships into success stories, she realized the value of the unpaid internship.

"It's not the same if an intern is doing solitary photocopying all day and thus not learning anything or meeting people," she says. Luckily both of her children interned at organizations related to their own career aspirations.

"I know we are very lucky to be able to do this," Reid says. "If I knew what I know now, I would have suggested to my kids and all of their friends that they start putting money aside for an opportunity like this as soon as they enter high school, even."

Pushy parents

Helicopter parent horror stories:

- "One parent wanted to sit in during the interview."
- "A parent called a politician to push me to hire his son."
- "A parent came by my desk and told me that he expected his daughter to get preference for a position since he was a manager at the company."

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Reid offers the following tips and advice to fellow parents struggling with the idea of their child embarking upon an unpaid position:

- Evaluate the internship. Internships are beneficial only if your child is learning career-related skills, making industry connections and utilizing the education they have.
- Internships can show your child what they actually want to do. "After hearing about how many kids change course, I guess the main thing I was hoping for was confirmation that they were on the right track at school — or not — and getting the chance to fix that quickly," Reid adds.
- Set a timeline. Agree with your child that you'll re-evaluate how things are going in four months, for example, to ensure that they are benefitting from their internship and, if they aren't, to begin exploring new paths.
- Encourage your child to secure extra hours at their paid, part-time jobs in order to compensate for the money they aren't making while interning.
- Accept that things take time. Reid's son found his three-month internship extended for another three months and, after discussing the difficulties of continuing down the unpaid path, both realized that three months isn't necessarily long enough to prove yourself to an employer.

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Student Voice

University trumped by college

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Since graduating and starting the job hunt, which has not been very successful at all, I was just offered my first phone interview less than a week ago.

The day following the interview I became very anxious and nervous to hear the results, which turned out not to be so positive.

Most jobs require experience, but for graduates like me who did not have the opportunity to get an internship or co-op during the four years at university due to the absence of a co-op program, these experiences are minimal.

After seeing many of my friends delay job hunting by going back to school, either by attending college or graduate programs, I have realized that university is not all it has been made out to be. When speaking with professionals who are established in the job market, they always ask me which I think is more valuable: university or college?

After putting much thought into this question I realized that college helps its students by providing hands-on opportunities both in school and outside of school with co-ops and internships. Most university students however, are stuck with the knowledge that we gathered from our textbooks. So which do I think is more valuable? College of course.

Employers favour those individuals with hands-on experience and not just with the knowledge that exists in textbooks. Even though university does possess a better environment during our education, it definitely does not help us when we graduate. Even though universities do provide career workshops and seminars (and I have been to quite a few), many of them do not provide information that we haven't heard a million times in the past.

For many graduates, the jobs that are available are those in customer service and general labour, which under "requirements" often state that a high school diploma is all that is required. If that was all we needed to get these jobs, why did we go to university? Sometimes even these jobs do not want us because we are "over qualified."

While still looking for a job to start my career I can say truthfully that job hunting is not easy and it might take up to a year for new graduates to start off their careers, and I often ask myself: How is this fair? Why are university students who were looked up to in the past now struggling to compete with others who have less education?

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‘Playing on another planet’

Kings defenceman Willie Mitchell congratulates goalie Jonathan Quick after Game 3 on Monday in Los Angeles. HARRY HOW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL. Quick likely to run away with Conn Smythe trophy after historic post-season for Kings

Jonathan Quick has set the bar so high for himself, his Los Angeles Kings teammates can barely see it.

“He’s playing on another planet,” forward Jarret Stoll said Tuesday. “That’s what he expects.”

The 26-year-old American has put together a post-season that is taking on historical proportions. As the Kings entered Wednesday’s Game 4 against New Jersey with a chance to win the Stanley Cup, Quick sat poised to post some of the best playoff statistics in NHL history.

In the process, he’s completely eliminated any debate there might be about who deserves to take home the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP.

“In these playoffs, every game he’s been on,” said Hockey Hall of Famer Luc Robitaille, the Kings’ president of business operations. “He’s been very, very special.”

The Devils have been unable to find a way to solve him. As one-sided as the Stanley Cup final seems right now, it likely wouldn’t have looked that way if not for the performance of Quick.

He’s been particularly sharp early in games during this series, giving the Kings a chance to get more comfortable while planting seeds of doubt in the minds of Devils players.

“We’re creating as many chances this round as we had against the Rangers the prior round — we’re not finishing,” said Devils coach Pete DeBoer. “He’s played very well.... We’ve never been able to grab momentum, (score the) first goal, at a critical time.”

Added veteran Devils goalie Martin Brodeur: “We’ve got to find ways to score.”

Quick has been a cornerstone for the Kings for three seasons, but this is the first one where he’s commanded national attention. A little shy and short with answers, he comes across as someone who wouldn’t mind getting his anonymity back.

But that’s unlikely now that he has a chance to match Tim Thomas’ trophy haul of a year ago by winning the Stanley Cup, Conn Smythe and the Vezina Trophy as the NHL’s top goalie.

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By the numbers

.950

Jonathan Quick’s .950 save percentage in the playoffs would rank him first all-time and his 1.36 goals-against average would be better than any goaltender in the last 52 years.

Brown-Parise

Cup captains show further growth in U.S.

It has happened only once in NHL history, but it will definitely happen again: An American captain will hoist the Stanley Cup.

Whether it’s the Kings’ Dustin Brown of Ithaca, N.Y., or Zach Parise of Minneapolis doing it in the event of a New Jersey comeback, it’s a sign of the rise of American hockey.

“It’s one more statement about the particular development of our sport and our program in America,” said Dave Ogrean, executive director of USA Hockey.

Parise and Brown were both 14 years old when Derian Hatcher, of Sterling Heights, Mich., led the Dallas Stars to the Stanley Cup over the Buffalo Sabres in 1999. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dustin Brown and Zach Parise
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Pierce pushes Heat to brink of elimination

A week ago, the Boston Celtics were too old.

Three games later, they’re one win away from the NBA finals.

And Miami — the team that was constructed with hopes of supplanting Boston as the power in the Eastern Conference — is suddenly in big trouble.

Kevin Garnett finished with 26 points and 11 rebounds, Paul Pierce scored 19 — including a huge three-pointer over LeBron James’ outstretched arm with 52.9 seconds left — and the Celtics beat the Heat 94-90 on Tuesday night, taking a 3-2 lead in the East finals that now shift to Boston for Game 6 on Thursday night.

Game 5

Celtics	Heat
94	90

“We’ve done nothing,” Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. “We’re playing a heck of a basketball team. So just because we’re going to Boston, I told them, we have to play. They’re not going to give it to us. We have to go get it.”

James finished with 30 points and 13 rebounds for Miami, though he went 8 minutes without scoring in the final quarter. Dwyane Wade scored 27 for the Heat, who got no more than nine from anyone else.

“We wouldn’t want to be in this situation but we never get too high or too low in a series,” James said. “We had an opportunity to come home and take a lead, but we didn’t. So we have to go up to Boston and win a game.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Paul Pierce, left, makes a 3-point basket in the final minute of Game 5 against LeBron James Tuesday in Miami. MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Cloutier added to Flames’ staff

Jacques Cloutier has joined the Calgary Flames coaching staff as Bob Hartley’s assistant. The former Quebec Nordiques goalie was Hartley’s assistant last season with the Zurich Lions of the Swiss elite league.

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MLB

Lasorda stable after heart attack

Hall of Fame manager Tom Lasorda was hospitalized in stable condition Tuesday, a day after the 84-year-old had a “mild” heart attack while representing the Los Angeles Dodgers at the draft.

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Tommy Lasorda
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French Open

Djokovic survives Tsonga to advance

Top-seeded Novak Djokovic overcame four match points, and a wildly partisan crowd, for a 6-1, 5-7, 5-7, 7-6 (6), 6-1 victory over France’s Jo-Wilfried Tsonga Tuesday to advance to the French Open men’s semifinals.

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NBA

“I think we have the right game plan. We just need to play a little better for a little longer.”

Tim Duncan, whose Spurs trail the Thunder 3-2 in the Western Conference final after a 108-103 loss on Monday night.

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NHL

“I’m certainly a better coach now than I was 10 or 15 years ago. I learned a lot about myself. I learned a lot about the game, too.”

Michel Therrien, who said he believes he will be a better, wiser coach than he was in his first stint behind the Montreal Canadiens bench. New general manager Marc Bergevin named Therrien as head coach on Tuesday. Therrien took over behind the Habs bench during the 2000-01 season and left midway through 2002-03. Since then, Therrien has coached in the AHL, reached a Stanley Cup final with the Pittsburgh Penguins, done pro scouting and, most recently, worked as a Canadiens television analyst.

Soccer

Euro money stacks up to World Cup’s

The European Championship begins Friday boasting the numbers to back its reputation as one of the world’s elite sporting events. UEFA will earn commercial revenues of at least $1.6 billion US for the 16-team tournament in Poland and Ukraine, rivaling FIFA’s 32-nation World Cup for average match value. With each match expected to draw an average television audience of 150 million fans worldwide, Euro 2012 will bring a near-daily diet of ratings bigger than the Super Bowl.

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On the web

Fresh off his first national championship with Kentucky, John Calipari is coaching the Dominican Republic basketball team in an attempt to qualify for the Olympics this summer. Scan the code for the story.

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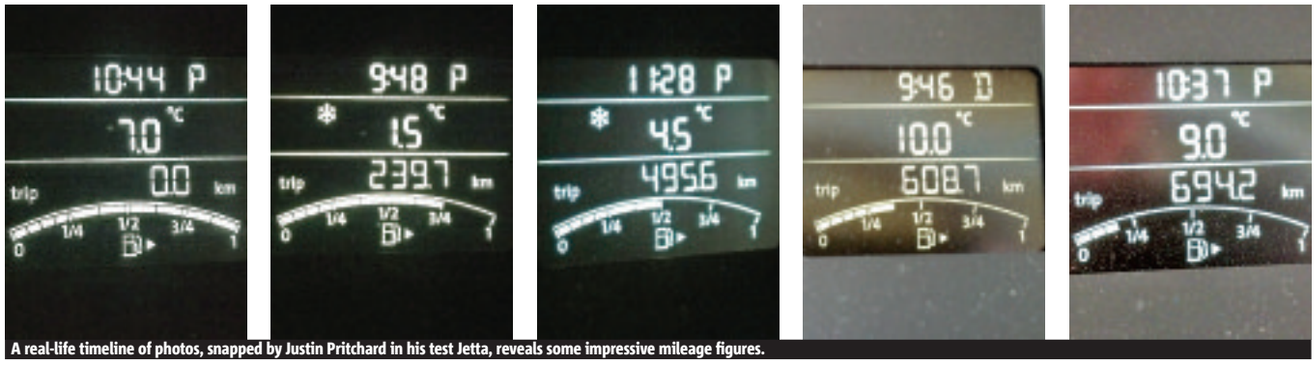

A real-life timeline of photos, snapped by Justin Pritchard in his test Jetta, reveals some impressive mileage figures.

Once you go diesel, you might not go back

Review. Still sitting on the fence about hybrids? The Jetta TDI and its supreme fuel economy offers an enticing alternative

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For a sedan that grabs attention with its fuel efficiency, the design is actually pretty nice as well. ALL PHOTOS BY JUSTIN PRITCHARD

Unless you like shovelling heaps of your hard-earned cash into the registers at local gas stations, the Volkswagen Jetta TDI is a car you need to test-drive.

Big thing about the Jetta TDI? It's a diesel. Diesel has about 30 per cent more energy per unit than gasoline — meaning the Jetta's TDI four-cylinder engine creates 140 horsepower and a robust 236 pounds of torque from just two litres of displacement and a turbocharger.

Diesel engines generate lots of torque — which is the all-important figure when it comes to getting things moving. That's why most trains and transports drink diesel fuel.

Sure, the Jetta TDI will never haul a transport trailer or skid off roofing shingles, but its powerplant boasts exceptional mileage alongside a power-band that's meatier than a bag full of Baconators.

Diesel makes heaps of sense if you aren't quite sold on a hybrid. What if the hybrid drive motor conks out, outside of warranty? Will that hybrid battery do its job at -40 C when you return to the Park 'N Fly with a suitcase full of Dominican rum? None of these are concerns faced by TDI owners.

And unlike days gone by, the new breed of TDI diesel engines run clean as a whistle. There's no smell, no soot and no smoke. The tester's powerplant was as quiet, smooth and refined as anything comparable running on gasoline — if not more so.

The tester also ran Volkswagen's dual-clutch Direct Shift Gearbox or DSG transmission, which shifts precisely, at lightning speed, and so smoothly you'd never feel a thing. Performance and fuel mileage are enhanced with this gearbox.

I watched delightedly as my fuel gauge took 180 kilometres to drop from 'full' and racked up some 500 clicks before reaching the 'half' mark. It took just under 700 kilometres before the tank dropped below a quarter full. I only visited the gas station once during my week-long test, and I'm OK with that.

Overall consumption landed at 6.9 L/100 km. With plenty of city driving, high-speed highway cruising and my lead foot, that isn't bad at all. And with all that torque, Jetta TDI rips along something fierce when you give it the boots.

You're not sacrificing performance here.

Extra points for the comfy heated leather seats, potent Fender audio system and fantastic headlight performance at night. Roominess for four adults is adequate, the trunk is generous, and there's plenty of at-hand storage, too.

The ride and handling are also nicely set up: Jetta TDI is responsive, sporty, comfortable, refined and fairly quiet, all at the same time. The powertrain, steering, ride and suspension are all dialed in very nicely here.

My only major complaint dealt with the cabin, which has been 'cheapened' compared to the last-generation Jetta to facilitate a lower price tag.

It's assembled nicely and pleasing to look at, though the abundance of hard plastics let things down a little when touching most surfaces.

At the end of the day, those in the market for an upscale, slightly sporty, very thrifty and highly refined fuel miser should be sure to give the Jetta TDI a whirl — alongside the Chevrolet Cruze Eco, Mazda 3 Skyactiv and Hyundai Sonata Blue Drive.

2012 Volkswagen Jetta TDI

- Engine: 2.0-litre TDI Clean Diesel, 140 horsepower.
- Drivetrain: Front-wheel drive.
- Observed Average Mileage: 6.9 L/100 km.
- Transmission: 6-speed DSG.
- Features: Fender Audio System, Bluetooth, heated leather, sunroof.
- What's Hot: Great mileage, refined and quiet powertrain, generous trunk, comfortable and sporty.
- What's Not: Low-budget interior feel, no proper arm-rest.
- Starting Price: $27,175 (Jetta TDI Highline).

On the Web

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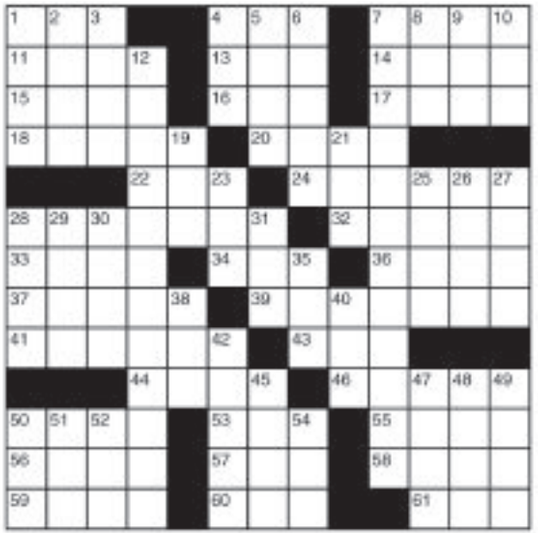
Crossword

Across

1 Ottoman official
4 Braying beast
7 Prejudice
11 "No ifs, ands, or —"
13 Spot on a domino
14 Aware of
15 Cornfield invader
16 — out a living
17 Individuals
18 Plant of the cashew family
20 Sentry's call
22 Wrigley product
24 Touchtone feature
28 No purebred
32 Isolated
33 Author James
34 Paving gunk
36 Greek vowel
37 Startle
39 Arrested
41 Liverpool's river
43 Luau side dish
44 Tiny branch
46 Medication measures
50 Leslie Caron role
53 Sprite
55 Troop group
56 Leif's father
57 Appomattox surrenderer
58 Ganges garment
59 Halloween face
60 Morning moisture
61 Apiece

Down

1 Basic learning
2 Mentor
3 Fermi's bit
4 Mimic
5 Monotheist of India
6 Orate
7 Destiny's Child song
8 Hostel
9 Noshed
10 "Mayday!"
12 Boastful officer's wand
19 Scoundrel
21 Meadow
23 Encountered
25 Milne bruin
26 Initial stake
27 Out of play
28 Sir's counterpart
29 Coquettish glance
30 In the neighbourhood
31 Once around the track
35 Sartorial woe
38 Kitten's comment
40 Affirmative action?
42 Relinquish
45 Merriment
47 Break suddenly
48 Green land
49 Mix
50 Jewel
51 Savings acronym
52 USO audience
54 A handful



Sudoku

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	5						2	
		7	2		1	5		
	2						7	
		6	4		3	1		
	4						3	
	1		6	4	7		5	
9								4

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	9	4	5	3	6	1	2	7
6	2	7	1	4	9	3	5	8
5	1	3	2	8	7	6	4	9
9	8	1	3	6	4	2	7	5
2	3	6	8	7	5	4	9	1
4	7	5	9	1	2	8	6	3
1	5	2	4	9	3	7	8	6
3	6	9	7	2	8	5	1	4
7	4	8	6	5	1	9	3	2

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

QH G UIV QY KCYFQEU SQY OGKC HCCF PE G OGKKPPL YCGF, VPI LQUSF HQEM VPIKYCAH G FPCM YFPPA.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: POSING SOPRANO SILLS HAD MARRIED SINGER DON OR PHIL, SHE'D BE NAMED BEVERLY EVERLY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals F

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Aries | March 21 - April 20. According to the planets you have been taking it easy and doing just enough to get by, but that must now change.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You may think you are a law unto yourself but even a Taurus has to toe the line occasionally and if you are smart you will tone down your act a bit over the next few days.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You will be pleasantly surprised how helpful people are today.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You may have some serious issues to deal with but that does not mean you cannot have fun.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Avoid petty arguments and focus your energy on things that really matter.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. This will be one of those days when no matter how hard you try to get your head around what's going on you just can't make the connection.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You need to be more adventurous. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to your work where you could miss out on a golden opportunity if you are afraid to take a risk.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Try not to be so judgmental today. Remember that people are supposed to be different. Make an effort to get along with someone you would not usually want to hang out with.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You have serious duties to perform but you must also make time for the lighter side of life.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Things are rarely as bad as they seem, so throw yourself into a task you enjoy and before you know it you will have forgotten all about . . . well, whatever it was you were getting worked up about.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You can sense that so much is possible. But don't get carried away, especially where romance is concerned. Head and heart must be balanced.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Whatever good ideas you have today you are advised to do something with them quickly, because later in the week you may not have time to do them justice.

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